

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 14, please replace the second paragraph with the amended paragraph:

Treatment with IB-MECA (N<sup>6</sup>-(3-iodobenzyl)-adenosine-5'-N-methyluronamide) (10 µg/kg) was initiated on day 14 after vaccination and was orally administered by gavage, twice daily. Another group was treated with Methotrexate (MTX) (1.5 mg/kg) intraperitoneally every 3 days, starting on day 14th after vaccination. The control group in each experiment received vehicle only (DMSO in a dilution corresponding to that of the drugs).